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**IN THE U. S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Hasselbrink, Jr.  
Application Number: 09/669,862  
Filed: 09/26/2000  
For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS  
FOR CONTROLLING CROSS  
CONTAMINATION OF MICROFLUID  
CHANNELS**  
Art Unit: 1753  
Examiner: Starsiak, J.  
Attorney Docket No: SD-8289

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE**

Sir:

Applicants submit the following in complete response to the Office Action of 08/19/2004. In view of the response below, Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the claims.